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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS ROOSEVELT (DDG 80)
UIC: 21954

MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF USS ROOSEVELT IS TO BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT PROMPT, SUSTAINED, COMBAT OPERATIONS AT SEA IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL POLICY.

2003 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Immediate Superior In Charge: CAPT Paul Rosbolt, COMDESRON 24
(01JAN03-03JUL03)

CAPT Anthony Kurta, COMDESRON 24
(03JUL03-Present)

Commanding Officers: CDR Robert P. Girrier
(01JAN03-25JUL03)

CDR Paul J. Severs
(25JUL03-Present)

Executive Officers: LCDR James L. McReynolds
(01JAN03-14NOV03)

LCDR Christopher V. Olson
(14NOV03-22APR04)

LCDR Barry C. Palmer
(23APR04-01JUN04)

LCDR John L. Carozza
(02JUN04-Present)

Command Master Chief: CMDCM(SW/AW) Catherine L. Phillmon

PERMANENT DUTY STATION

Mayport, Florida

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USS ROOSEVELT (DDG 80) 2003 CHRONOLOGY

HOLIDAY LEAVE/UPKEEP	01 JAN-06 JAN
INPORT MAYPORT, FL	01 JAN-20 JAN
SELECTED RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY 361	01 JAN-22 JAN
U/W JAXOA SEA TRIALS	21 JAN-24 JAN
INPORT MAYPORT, FL	25 JAN-09 FEB
LIGHT OFF ASSESSMENT	27 JAN-03 FEB
U/W JAXOA CDS 24 GROUP SAIL 03-1	10 FEB-14 FEB
INPORT MAYPORT, FL	15 FEB-17 FEB
U/W JAXOA/VACAPES	18 FEB-19 FEB
INPORT YORKTOWN, VA	20 FEB-23 FEB
U/W VACAPES/JAXOA/GOMEX	24 FEB-01 MAR
INPORT NEW ORLEANS, LA	02 MAR-05 MAR
U/W GOMEX/JAXOA	06 MAR-09 MAR
INPORT MAYPORT, FL	10 MAR-27 MAR
U/W JAXOA CDS 24 GROUP SAIL 03-2	24 MAR-28 MAR
INPORT MAYPORT, FL	29 MAR-08 APR
INITIAL ASSESSMENT (ENGINEERING READINESS)	01 APR-03 APR
U/W JAXOA CART II	09 APR-10 APR
INPORT MAYPORT, FL	11 APR-13 APR
U/W JAXOA CDS 24 GROUP SAIL 03-3	14 APR-18 APR
INPORT MAYPORT, FL	19 APR-11 MAY
U/W JAXOA CDS 24 GROUP SAIL 03-4	12 MAY-16 MAY
INPORT MAYPORT, FL	17 MAY-08 JUN
U/W JAXOA	09 JUN-13 JUN
INPORT MAYPORT, FL	14 JUN-15 JUN
U/W JAXOA	16 JUN-18 JUN

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INPORT MAYPORT, FL	19 JUN-22 JUN
U/W JAXOA UNDERWAY DEMONSTRATION	23 JUN-24 JUN
INPORT MAYPORT, FL	25 JUN-29 JUN
U/W JAXOA FINAL EVALUATION PROBLEM	30 JUN-01 JUL
INPORT MAYPORT, FL	02 JUL-06 JUL
CDS 24 CHANGE OF COMMAND	03 JUL
U/W CDS 24 GROUP SAIL 03-5	07 JUL-13 JUL
INPORT MAYPORT, FL	14 JUL-25 AUG
USS ROOSEVELT CHANGE OF COMMAND	25 JUL
U/W JAXOA	26 AUG
INPORT MAYPORT, FL	27 AUG-28 AUG
U/W TRANSLANT ENROUTE FASLANE, SCOTLAND	29 AUG-08 SEP
INPORT FASLANE, SCOTLAND	09 SEP-13 SEP
U/W EXERCISE NORTHERN LIGHT '03	14 SEP-27 SEP
INPORT SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND	28 SEP-01 OCT
U/W ENROUTE ENROUTE COBH, IRELAND	02 OCT-03 OCT
INPORT COBH, IRELAND	04 OCT-07 OCT
U/W TRANSLANT ENROUTE MAYPORT	08 OCT-17 OCT
INPORT MAYPORT, FL	18 OCT-04 DEC
U/W JFKSG GROUP SAIL	05 DEC-19 DEC
HOLIDAY LEAVE/UPKEEP	20 DEC-31 DEC

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USS ROOSEVELT (DDG 80) 2003 NARRATIVE HISTORY

USS ROOSEVELT began 2003 undergoing extensive maintenance as part of the Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) 361. Holiday leave ended for the ship's crew on 06 January and the Inter-Deployment Readiness Cycle (IDRC) began in earnest. The next six months would consist of numerous Group Sails with the ships of Destroyer Squadron Two Four (DESRON 24) and Team Trainers supervised by Afloat Training Group (ATG), Mayport.

SRA 361 officially ended on 22 January and from 22-25 January, ROOSEVELT was underway in the Jacksonville Operating Area (JAXOA) conducting Sea Trials. It was the first time the ship had been underway since 01 November 2002 and all trials were a resounding success. From 28 January to 03 February, ROOSEVELT successfully completed the Light Off Assessment, one of the first milestones of the IDRC.

From 10-14 February, ROOSEVELT participated in Group Sail 03-1 with the ships from DESRON 24. During this time and throughout the majority of 2003, the Commander, Destroyer Squadron 24 (COMDESRON 24), was embarked on ROOSEVELT with his staff. After a brief period in homeport, ROOSEVELT got underway on 18 February and commenced a transit to Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, VA. Arriving on 20 February, ROOSEVELT was moored for four days while unloading weapons to support the IDRC.

ROOSEVELT departed Yorktown on 24 February and commenced a transit to New Orleans, LA for a 4-day port visit during the annual Mardi Gras celebration. After conducting extensive drills and exercises during the transit, ROOSEVELT arrived at the Naval Reserve

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Base, New Orleans, on 02 March. Despite heavy fog, the ship conducted a midnight transit up the Mississippi River in order to arrive pierside by early morning. While in New Orleans, ROOSEVELT's Commanding Officer, CDR Robert P. Girrier, provided a personal tour of the ship for a host of local dignitaries. In all, the port visit was well received by the crew and city alike.

ROOSEVELT got underway for Mayport, FL on 06 March and returned to homeport on 09 March. From 10-14 March, the ship successfully completed the Aviation Facilities Certification. The second DESRON 24 Group Sail of 2003 occurred from 24-28 March and consisted of various ASW, ASUW, and AAW basic training events.

April was quite eventful for ROOSEVELT and saw the completion of Initial Assessment (IA) and Command Assessment Readiness and Training (CART) II. From 01-03 April, the COMLANTFLT Engineering Assessment Team came aboard to conduct material checks, assess damage control and engineering watch teams, and grade all Engineering Department programs. Following the successful completion of IA, ROOSEVELT conducted CART II from 07-10 April. This basic phase milestone was a performance-based assessment of the ship's training and material readiness by ATG Mayport and COMDESRON 24 in each mission area. Following completion of CART II, ROOSEVELT participated in Group Sail 03-3 from 14-18 April. The remainder of the month was filled with ATG-sponsored training, team trainers, and a Battle Group Inport Exercise (BGIE).

On 07 May, CDR Robert P. Girrier hosted a group of 50 foreign naval attachés from Washington D.C. and the Director of Naval Intelligence onboard ROOSEVELT for an afternoon tour. From 12-16 May, ROOSEVELT was underway for Group Sail 03-4 and continued to train aggressively for the final events of the Basic Phase of the IDRC. On

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27 May, the first of three separate groups of Midshipmen reported onboard for summer cruise training. Throughout the summer, the Midshipmen would experience life onboard while standing watches and participating in underway and in port evolutions.

ROOSEVELT was underway the majority of June for CO specific training in preparation for the Underway Demonstration (UD) and Final Evaluation Problem (FEP). On 06 June, the Wardroom conducted a Dining Out at the Sea Turtle Inn in Neptune Beach, FL. While underway from 09-13 June, ROOSEVELT was tasked with conducting SNAPEX 03-2, an exercise designed to test and refine the ability to defend the United States against terrorist attacks. The Underway Demonstration took place on 24 June and was followed the next week by the Final Evaluation Problem from 30 June to 01 July. ROOSEVELT successfully completed both events and moved on to the Intermediate Training Phase of the IDRC.

July consisted of many events for ROOSEVELT's crew starting with the DESRON 24 Change of Command ceremony on 03 July. As squadron flagship, ROOSEVELT hosted the event and her crew played a major role in the ceremony and the reception held afterward. Group Sail 03-5 took place from 07-14 July and focused primarily on USW, including shipboard and helicopter torpedo firings at the AUTEC range in the Bahamas. Following the Group Sail, ROOSEVELT returned to homeport and on 18 July, the ship's picnic was held for all hands and their families at the Naval Station picnic area. ROOSEVELT's own Change of Command ceremony was held on 25 July as CDR Paul J. Severs relieved CDR Robert P. Girrier.

On 29 August, ROOSEVELT departed Mayport with three other ships from DESRON 24 to participate in NATO EXERCISE NORTHERN LIGHT 03 in the waters adjacent to England and Scotland. NORTHERN LIGHT is a large-

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scale NATO exercise held every four years to flex the capability of participating forces conducting a Crisis Response Operation. Together, the force comprised more than 50 ships and submarines, 15 fighter aircraft, numerous military helicopters, and approximately 800 amphibious landing troops.

ROOSEVELT arrived in Faslane, Scotland, on 09 September for the pre-exercise conference and remained in port until 14 September. During this time, the crew prepared diligently for the upcoming exercise, but also spent time seeing some of the attractions in Faslane, Glasgow, and Edinburgh.

From 14 to 18 September, ROOSEVELT conducted training exercises with other NATO vessels in the Irish Sea. On 19 September, ROOSEVELT conducted Naval Surface Fire Support Qualifications off of Cape Wrath, Scotland. The live exercise portion of NORTHERN LIGHT 03 began on 20 September with ROOSEVELT assigned to Commander, Task Force 512 (CTF 512). The mission of CTF 512 was to deploy a credible maritime task force into the Joint Operations Area (JOA) in order to deter aggression between two nations in a fictitious, but credible geopolitical situation.

During the live exercise, which concluded on 26 September, the Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) teams from ROOSEVELT conducted two Maritime Interception Operation (MIO) boardings. Additionally, ROOSEVELT provided protection and plane guard duties for the Royal Navy Aircraft Carrier, HMS INVINCIBLE. Following the conclusion of the live exercise, ROOSEVELT conducted a port call in Southampton, England from 28 September to 02 October.

Southampton was well received by ROOSEVELT's crew and the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Committee organized tours to

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Stonehenge, Bath and London. Traveling to London proved to be the most popular destination for Sailors to enjoy liberty. England's capital city featured attractions such as Big Ben, Parliament, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus, Tower of London, London Tower Bridge, Harrod's Department Store, and Westminster Abbey. Although not as renowned as London, the tour to Stonehenge and the city of Bath allowed the crew to visit centuries old landmarks.

After departing Southampton, ROOSEVELT conducted one final port visit to Cobh, Ireland, before returning to the United States. Arriving in Cobh on 04 October, the ship moored at the cruise ship terminal that allowed walking access to the local town and train station. While in Cobh, ROOSEVELT Sailors took part in tours that featured trips to Blarney Castle and to the Waterford Crystal Factory.

ROOSEVELT departed for Mayport, FL on 08 October and transited home with the other ships of DESRON 24. During the nine-day transit, numerous drills and exercises were conducted to maintain the readiness of all ships within the squadron. On 14 October, ROOSEVELT's crew celebrated the third anniversary of the ship's commissioning by conducting a cake-cutting ceremony and other events.

Returning to Mayport on 17 October, ROOSEVELT moved into a maintenance and training period that consisted of several Battle Group Inport Exercises and availability periods. On 14 November, LCDR Christopher V. Olson relieved LCDR James L. McReynolds as ROOSEVELT's Executive Officer.

Returning to sea on 05 December, ROOSEVELT took part in a two-week Group Sail with the JOHN F. KENNEDY Strike Group that

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consisted of extensive training and live fire missile exercises of the coast of Virginia. During these events, ROOSEVELT successfully fired three Standard Missiles with positive interception results. Returning to Mayport on 19 December, ROOSEVELT's crew began the holiday leave and upkeep period that would last through the end of the year.

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